



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Planning

At its meeting held November 4, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“At the March 25, 2003 meeting, the Board directed the Department of Regional Planning to explore possible changes to the County Zoning Code to minimize the adverse aesthetic impacts associated with larger single-family residences on relatively small parcels. The structures, grouped together in newer subdivisions, create the appearance of large, box-like structures, relatively close together, with little or no landscaping. Many County residents, particularly those who live near or drive by these subdivisions, have expressed concerns about the appearance of these homes.

“On October 20, 2003, the Director of Planning issued a report back to the Board examining these issues along with some recommendations. I concur with the Director’s conclusion that there are adequate regulations within the Zoning Code to address these issues in existing neighborhoods. With respect to newer subdivisions, I support the Director’s conclusion that the County could improve its approach to these matters in a fashion that will enhance the appearance of these homes.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Director of Planning and the Regional Planning Commission were requested to:

1. Prepare an ordinance amending Title 22 - Planning and Zoning, establishing a new conditional use permit requirement and related development standards to be applied to new subdivisions in geographic areas where the trend toward mansionization has become a problem, including increased setbacks and yard areas, reduced lot coverage, more restrictive height standards, and other appropriate standards;
2. Include in the ordinance, flexibility for applicants to modify these standards or propose alternative standards that adequately protect the light, air, openness and privacy of adjacent residents and local neighborhoods; and
3. Involve representatives from the building industry, community organizations, town councils, and housing advocacy groups in the drafting of this amendment.

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